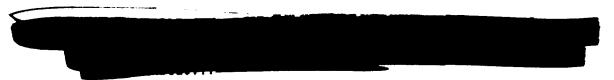


SUBJECT:

- (1) RESPONSIBILITY OF TREASURY POLICE FOR KULLINGS OF SIX FAMILY MEMBERS NEAR THE TOWN OF TONACATEPEQUE
- (2) POSSIBLE REMOVAL OF COL. FRANCISCO ANTONIO MORAN,

CHIEF OF THE TREASURY POLICE

(DOI: 23 SEPTEMBER 1981)



1. COMMENT: SAN SALVADOR DAILY NEWSPAPERS ON 23 AND 24 SEPTEMBER 1981 REPORTED THE KILLINGS OF SIX FAMILY MEMBERS NEAR THE TOWN OF TONACATEPEQUE ON THE NIGHT OF 22 SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS ACCOUNTS, SOME 50 ARMED MEN OPENED FIRE ON THE HOUSE IN WHICH THE FAMILY OF SIX LIVED WITH GRENADES



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AND AUTOMATIC WEAPONS AND KILLED ALL SIX, CONSISTING OF A FATHER AND FIVE CHILDREN.

TREASURY POLICE. THE INHABITANTS OF THE HOUSE WERE KILLED BECAUSE THE TREASURY POLICE HAD RECEIVED INFORMATION INDICATING THAT THE HOUSE SERVED AS A SAFEHOUSE FOR LEFTIST GUERRILLAS.

3. WHEN FLORES LEARNED THAT THE TREASURY POLICE WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ATTACK, HE SUMMONED COL. FRANCISCO ANIONIO MORAN, CHIEF OF THE TREASURY POLICE, TO A MEETING WITH FLORES AND IOSE GUILLERMOGAR CIA, MINISTER OF DEFENSE,

FLORES SAID HE PLANNED TO DEMAND AN EXPLANATION FROM MORAN FOR THE TONACATEPEQUE ATTACK. FLORES ALSO SAID THAT HE HOPED TO USE THIS INCIDENT TO CONVINCE GARCIA THAT MORAN MUST BE REMOVED FROM HIS POSITION AS CHIEF OF THE TREASURY POLICE. (COMMENT: THE RESULTS OF THE MEETING AMONG GARCIA, FLORES, AND MORAN ARE NOT KNOWN).

